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TAGS: ELAB, ECON, PINS, IS  
SUBJECT: DELAY IN MARITIME STRIKE SETTLEMENT CONTINUES

REF: TEL AVIV 2752, 2726

1. THE MARINE OFFICERS' UNION AGREED ON APRIL 24 TO HAVE STRUCK SHIPS CLEARED FROM HAIFA CONTAINER TERMINAL, THUS PERMITTING RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS AND THE SERVICING OF NON-ISRAELI SHIPS. THE UNION ALSO GAVE A LETTER TO THE HISTADRUT DECLARING ITS READINESS TO SUBMIT ITS CASE TO EXPERTS AND THE HISTADRUT TRADE UNION DEPARTMENT FOR FINAL DECISION. HOWEVER, IT DECLARED CATEGORICALLY THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT A JOINT CONTRACT WITH THE RATINGS, NOR WILL IT RETURN TO WORK UNLESS GIVEN AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF THE DIFFERENTIAL WHICH IT DEMANDS TO ASSURE OFFICERS HIGHER INCOMES THAN THE RATINGS.

2. HISTADRUT AND THE SHIPPERS HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS OF THE OFFICERS AND SAY THAT NO  
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CONCESSIONS CAN BE MADE WHILE THE STRIKE CONTINUES. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTADRUT TRADE UNION DEPARTMENT TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISION IS REALLY UP TO THE GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH AFTER THREE WEEKS THE OFFICERS' UNION IS DIVIDED ON CONTINUING THE STRIKE, IT IS NOT READY TO CAPITULATE WITHOUT SOME TANGIBLE CONCESSIONS.

3. ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, THE DECISION TO INVOKE EMERGENCY  
BACK TO WORK ORDERS CONTINUES TO BE DELAYED. DESPITE  
MOUNTING CAMPAIGN ORATORY THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE  
TO RESTORE ORDER ON THE LABOR SCENE, THERE IS LITTLE  
EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GET TOUGH WITH THE  
UNIONS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. THE UNIONS FEAR THAT  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYER RESISTANCE TO THEIR DEMANDS  
WILL SHARPLY INCREASE AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT MAY IMPOSE NEW TAX MEASURES AND SPENDING  
CURBS WHICH WOULD QUICKLY DEPRIVE THEM OF ANY REAL  
GAINS IN PURCHASING POWER WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING TO  
ACHIEVE THROUGH STRIKES AND PROTESTS. AS AN INDICATION  
OF THEIR FEAR THEY POINT TO THE RECENT RISE IN NATAD  
DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATES AND A SURGE IN STOCKMARKET  
SPECULATIONS.  
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